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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR A SINGLE-SIGN-ON MECHANISM WITHIN
APPLICATION SERVICE PROVIDER (ASP) AGGREGATION

10 A methodology for providing a single-sign-on
mechanism within an ASP aggregator service is presented.
An aggregator token is generated by an ASP aggregator
service and sent to a client device after its user has
been successfully authenticated during a single-sign-on
15 operation that is provided by the ASP aggregator service.
The aggregator token then accompanies any request from
the client to aggregated applications within the ASP
aggregator service's infrastructure. The aggregator
token comprises an indication of an address or resource
20 identifier within the ASP aggregator service to which a
client/user can be redirected when the client/user needs
to be authenticated by the ASP aggregator service. In
other words, the address/identifier is associated with a
logon resource; when a request from a client is sent to
25 this address, the ASP aggregator service responds with an
authentication challenge to force the user to complete a
single-sign-on operation.